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COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

STATEMENT SHOWING MINIMUM NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE AND ORDINARY HOURS OF
LABOUR FOR WORKERS IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA AT

31st DECEMBER, 1950

(RATES OF WAGE ARE QUOTED FROM THE LATEST AWARD, DETERMINATION OR AGREEMENT OPERATIVE

ON 31st DECEMBER, 1950)

ADULT MALES

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.				
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>COOPERING -</u>				
Cooper	217/-	40	232/-	40
<u>FURNITURE -</u>				
Cabinet Maker	215/-	"	209/6	"
Chairmaker	215/-	"	209/6	"
French Polisher	215/-	"	209/6	"
Wood Carver	215/-	"	209/6	"
Wood Machinist	215/-	"	192/- to 209/6	"
<u>SAWMILLING & TIMBER YDS.</u>				
Box and Case Maker	195/-	"	192/-	"
Labourer	179/-	"	179/-	"
Machinist -				
Bolts Carver	211/6	"	208/6	"
Moulding	186/6 to 211/6	"	183/6 to 208/6	"
Planing	196/6 & 211/6	"	193/6 & 208/6	"
Shaping	211/6	"	208/6	"
Orderman	196/6	"	195/6	"
Sawyer -				
Band or Jig	196/- to 217/-	"	193/- to 214/-	"
Circular	197/- & 209/6	"	194/- & 206/6	"
Tallyman	196/6	"	193/6	"
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOILERMAKING -</u>				
Boilermaker	217/-	40	214/-	40
Helper	188/-	"	185/-	"
Labourer	188/-	"	185/-	"
<u>BRASSWORKING -</u>				
Finisher	202/- & 217/-	"	199/- & 214/-	"
Moulder	193/- to 217/-	"	190/- to 214/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION -</u>				
Armature Winder	217/-	"	214/-	"
Fitter	217/-	"	214/-	"
Linesman	205/-	"	202/-	"
Mechanic	217/-	"	214/-	"
Wireman	205/-	"	202/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY -</u>				
Armature Winder	229/-	"	214/-	"
Instrument Maker	238/6	"	229/6	"
Linesman	223/-	"	202/-	"
Shift Electrician	229/-	"	214/-	"
<u>ENGINEERING -</u>				
Blacksmith	218/6	"	215/6	"
Brassfinisher	202/- & 217/-	"	199/- & 214/-	"
Coppersmith	218/6	"	215/6	"
Fitter	217/-	"	214/-	"

ADULT MALES (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS (Cont'd.)</u>				
<u>ENGINEERING - (Contd.)</u>	s. d.		s. d.	
Labourer	188/-	40	185/-	40
Pattenmaker	230/-	"	227/-	"
Shaper	202/- & 217/-	"	199/- & 214/-	"
Striker	188/- & 190/-	"	185/- & 187/-	"
Turner	217/-	"	214/-	"
<u>MOULDING (IRON) -</u>				
Coremaker	193/- to 217/-	"	190/- to 214/-	"
Labourer	188/-	"	185/-	"
Moulder	193/- to 217/-	"	190/- to 214/-	"
<u>MOULDING (STEEL) -</u>				
Coremaker	217/-	"	214/-	"
Labourer	188/-	"	185/-	"
Moulder	217/-	"	214/-	"
<u>SHEET METAL WORKING -</u>				
Canister Maker	191/-	"	188/-	"
Machinist	187/-	"	184/-	"
Solderer	187/- & 191/-	"	184/- & 188/-	"
Tinsmith	202/- & 217/-	"	199/- & 214/-	"
<u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC.</u>				
<u>BAKING (BREAD) -</u>				
Board Hand	220/-	40	223/4	40
Bread Carter (1 horse)	205/-	"	196/-	42
Ovenman	227/6	"	223/4	40
Single Hand	225/-	"	232/6	"
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS AND CAKES)</u>				
Baker	197/6	"	201/-	"
General Labourer	171/-	"	179/-	"
Mixer	186/- & 190/-	"	200/-	"
<u>BREWING -</u>				
Cellarman	199/- & 204/-	"	206/3	"
Driver (1 horse)	202/-	"	196/-	"
Labourer	199/-	"	198/-	"
Malt Hand	199/-	"	203/-	"
Towerman	204/-	"	207/-	"
<u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL) -</u>				
Carter (1 horse)	192/-	"	187/6	"
General Hand	210/-	"	207/-	"
Shopman	210/-	"	207/-	"
Smallgoodsman	215/-	"	212/-	"
<u>CONFECTIONERY -</u>				
Journeyman	207/-	"	192/- to 204/-	"
Labourer	183/-	"	180/-	"
Storeman	183/- & 207/-	"	189/- to 209/9	"
<u>PAstry COOKING -</u>				
General Labourer	183/-	"	183/-	"
Solderer	192/-	"	192/-	"
<u>MEAT PACKING -</u>				
Capper	217/6	"	230/-	"
Guillotine Hand	195/-	"	230/-	"
Jokerman	205/-	"	230/-	"
Packer	195/-	"	230/-	"
Seamer	217/6	"	230/-	"
<u>MILLING (FLOUR) -</u>				
Miller (Shift)	219/- to 244/-	"	219/- to 244/-	"
Packerman	204/-	"	204/-	"
Purifierman	207/-	"	207/-	"
Shutterman	207/-	"	207/-	"
Storeman (Head)	209/- & 214/-	"	209/- & 214/-	"
Topman	207/-	"	207/-	"
<u>PASTRY COOKING -</u>				
Packer	186/6	"	176/-	"
Pastrycook	206/6	"	206/6	"

ADULT MALES (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
	<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>			
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>BOOTMAKING</u> -				
Bootmaker	199/-	40	199/-	40
<u>TAILORING (ORDER)</u> -				
Cutter	290/-	"	243/-	"
Presser	207/-	"	207/-	"
Tailor	214/-	"	214/-	"
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE)</u> -				
Cutter	218/-	"	218/-	"
Presser	207/-	"	207/-	"
Tailor	214/-	"	214/-	"
Spinner	207/-	"	207/-	"
<u>TEXTILE MARKING</u> (Wool & Halls) -				
Cutter	190/-	"	190/-	"
Dyehouseman	195/-	"	195/-	"
Labourer (General)	166/-	"	166/-	"
Spinner	195/- to 202/6	"	195/- to 202/6	"
Spinner	190/-	"	190/-	"
Turner	183/- to 213/-	"	183/- to 213/-	"
Warper	192/-	"	192/-	"
	<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>			
<u>BOOKBINDING</u> -				
Finisher	223/-	40	220/-	40
Bookbinding (Journeyman)	223/-	"	220/-	"
Paper Ruler	223/-	"	220/-	"
<u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER)</u>				
Compositor -				
Day Work	291/- to 298/6	"	230/- to 243/-	38
Night Work	306/- to 314/6	"	245/- to 258/-	"
Machinist -				
Day Work	251/- to 263/6	"	243/-	40
Night Work	266/- to 279/6	"	258/-	38
Publisher - (Day & Night)	228/6 & 252/-	"	210/6 to 225/6	38 & 40
Reader -				
Day Work	258/6 to 266/-	"	229/6	40
Night Work	273/6 to 282/-	"	239/6	38
Stereotyper -				
Day Work	246/- to 258/6	"	230/6	39
Night Work	261/- to 274/6	"	245/6	38
<u>PRINTING (JOBING OFFICES)</u>				
Compositor	223/- to 233/6	"	220/- to 230/6	40
Linotype Operator	233/6	"	230/6	"
Machinist	223/-	"	220/-	"
Reader	226/6	"	223/6	"
Stereotyper	223/-	"	220/-	"
	<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>			
<u>BRICKMAKING</u> -				
Builder	190/- & 195/-	40	203/-	40
Clayholeman	202/3	"	203/3	"
Drawer	208/-	"	201/3 & 203/9	"
Trucker	199/6	"	194/6	"
Setter	208/-	"	201/3 & 213/9	"
<u>COACHMAKING</u> -				
Bodymaker	217/-	"	214/-	"
Labourer	168/-	"	165/-	"
Painter	190/6 to 211/6	"	187/6 to 208/6	"
Springmaker	217/-	"	214/-	"
Trimmer	211/6	"	208/6	"
Wheelwright	211/6	"	208/6	"

ADULT MALES (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rate of Wage	Hours
OTHER MANUFACTURING (Cont'd.)				
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>Gas-Making and Supply -</u>				
Coke Trimmer	193/-	40	183/-	40
Gas Fitter	226/-	"	219/6	"
Labourer	180/-	"	177/-	"
Meter Tester	194/- to 203/-	"	220/-	"
Service Layer	209/-	"	200/-	"
Service Layer's Labourer	190/-	"	183/-	"
Stoker	204/-	"	195/-	"
<u>Jewellery -</u>				
Chairmaker	215/-	"	214/-	"
Mounter	215/-	"	214/-	"
Setter	223/-	"	204/6	"
<u>Saddlery and Harness Making -</u>				
Collar Maker	205/-	"	202/-	"
Harness Maker	205/-	"	202/-	"
<u>Tanning and Currying -</u>				
Beamsman	212/6	"	209/6	"
Labourer	188/6	"	185/6	"
Limeman	205/6	"	202/6	"
<u>Machinist -</u>				
Shaving	213/6 to 219/6	"	213/6 to 216/6	"
Splitting	219/6 to 226/6	"	216/6 to 223/6	"
Unhairing	212/6	"	209/6	"
Tableman	207/6 & 213/6	"	204/6 & 210/6	"
<u>BUILDING</u>				
Bricklayer	231/-	40	242/6	40
Carpenter	231/-	"	224/6	"
Mason (Stone)	229/-	"	231/6	"
Painter	223/-	"	242/6	"
Paperhanger	223/-	"	242/6	"
Signwriter	233/-	"	242/6	"
Plasterer	231/-	"	237/6	"
Lumber	232/-	"	242/6	"
Labourer - +				
Bricklayer's	190/6	"	187/6	"
Carpenter's	190/6	"	187/6	"
Concrete Worker	190/6	"	187/6	"
Earth Excavator	190/6	"	187/6	"
Gear Worker	199/6	"	196/6	"
Scaffold Hand	199/6	"	196/6	"
<u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS</u>				
<u>Engine Driver Loco -</u>				
1st Class	255/- & 258/-	Ø	239/- to 254/-	Ø
2nd Class	249/-	Ø	236/-	Ø
3rd Class	240/-	Ø	227/-	Ø
<u>Fireman -</u>				
1st Class	208/- & 211/-	Ø	197/- to 204/-	Ø
2nd Class	205/-	Ø	191/-	Ø
3rd Class	201/-	Ø	185/-	Ø
<u>Guard -</u>				
1st Class	225/-	Ø	220/6	Ø
2nd Class	216/- & 219/-	Ø	203/- to 214/6	Ø
3rd Class	211/- & 213/-	Ø	203/- to 214/6	Ø
<u>Porter -</u>	182/- to 213/-	Ø	178/6 to 213/-	Ø
<u>Shunter -</u>				
1st Class	224/- & 228/-	*	219/- & 222/-	*
2nd Class	213/6 & 216/6	*	211/6 & 214/6	*
3rd Class	194/- to 210/-	*	192/- & 201/6	*

+ Rates exclude allowances for statutory holidays, following the job, and sick pay.

ADULT MALES (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wages	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES (Cont'd.)</u>				
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>RAILWAYS (Cont'd.)</u>				
Signalman -				
1st Class	240/-	*	225/6	*
2nd Class	232/-	ø	212/6	ø
3rd Class	224/-	ø	204/6	ø
<u>TRAMWAYS -</u>				
Conductor -				
1st Year	183/-	ø	185/-	ø
2nd Year	192/-	ø	191/-	ø
3rd Year	192/-	ø	191/-	ø
Labourer	173/-	ø	179/-	ø
Maintenance Man	182/- & 185/-	ø	188/-	ø
<u>Motorman -</u>				
1st Year	195/-	ø	185/-	ø
2nd Year	195/-	ø	191/-	ø
3rd Year	195/-	ø	191/-	ø
Pitman	198/-	ø	199/-	ø
* 78 hours per fortnight. ø 80 hours per fortnight.				
<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>				
<u>CARRIAGE MERCHANTISE -</u>				
Cartman -				
1 Horse	191/-	40	185/6	40
2 Horses	196/-	"	193/6	"
Stable Hand	190/6 & 195/6	"	180/-	"
<u>Motor Lorries & Waggoners -</u>				
Under 3 tons	193/- to 203/-	"	193/6 & 199/6	"
3 tons and over	207/- to 211/-	"	204/-	"
<u>WHARF LABOUR -</u>				
Wharf Labourer (per hour)	6/-		6/-	
<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barman	195/-	40	192/-	40
Billiard Marker	185/-	"	182/-	"
Cook	195/- to 235/-	"	192/- to 232/-	"
Handyman	185/-	"	182/-	"
Kitchenman	185/-	"	182/-	"
Porter	185/-	"	182/-	"
Waiter	185/- & 195/-	"	182/- & 192/-	"
<u>HAIRDRESSING -</u>				
Full Hand	215/-	"	220/6	"
Hairdresser	205/-	"	201/-	"
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>				
<u>MOTOR ENGINE DRIVING -</u>				
Engine Driver -				
1st Class	202/- & 208/6	40	199/- & 205/6	40
2nd Class	197/- & 202/-	"	194/- & 199/-	"
<u>Fireman -</u>				
1st Class	197/-	"	194/-	"
2nd Class	192/-	"	189/-	"
<u>MUNICIPAL -</u>				
Labourer	183/-	"	181/-	"
Street Sweeper	188/-	"	187/-	"
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS -</u>				
Boot Salesman	207/-	"	199/-	"
Drapery Salesman	207/-	"	199/-	"
Furniture Salesman	207/-	"	202/-	"
Grocery Salesman	207/-	"	195/-	"
Hardware Salesman	207/-	"	199/-	"
Men's Clothing Salesman	207/-	"	199/-	"
<u>WORKMEN AND PACKERS -</u>				
Packer (General)	191/6 & 194/6	"	193/-	"
Storeman (General)	190/- & 192/6	"	193/-	"

ADULT FEMALES

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
	<u>FOOD</u>			
	s. d.		s. d.	
Biscuit Making	125/9	40	141/3	40
Confectionery	137/6	"	135/-	"
	<u>CLOTHING & TEXTILES</u>			
Footmaking	135/-	40	135/-	40
Dressmaking	126/- to 156/-	"	126/- to 156/-	"
Millinery	126/-	"	126/-	"
Hat Making	126/-	"	126/-	"
Underclothing	126/- to 156/-	"	126/- to 156/-	"
Tailoring - Order -				
Machinist (Coat)	156/-	"	156/-	"
" (Trousers & Vest)	143/6	"	143/6	"
Tailoress (Coat)	172/-	"	172/-	"
" (Trousers & Vest)	143/6	"	143/6	"
Tailoring - Readymade -				
Machinist (Coat)	146/-	"	146/-	"
" (Trousers & Vest)	141/-	"	141/-	"
Tailoress (Coat)	146/-	"	146/-	"
" (Trousers & Vest)	141/-	"	141/-	"
Textile Working Woollen Mills				
Comb Minder	137/6	"	137/6	"
Drawer & Mender	136/6 & 139/6	"	136/6 & 139/6	"
Warper	139/6	"	139/6	"
Weaver (Loom)	142/6	"	142/6	"
Gillbox Minder	136/6	"	136/6	"
Other Adult	124/6	"	124/6	"
	<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, ETC.</u>			
Bookbinding -				
Folder	147/6	40	145/6	40
Sewer	147/6	"	145/6	"
Cardboard Box -				
Boxmaker	145/6 & 152/-	"	143/6 & 150/-	"
Other	136/- to 146/-	"	134/- to 146/-	"
Printing -				
Jobbing Office Assistant	147/6	"	145/6	"
	<u>HOTELS AND SHOPS</u>			
Hotels -				
Barmaid	153/6	40	192/-	40
Housemaid	137/6	"	135/6	"
Laundress	141/6	"	139/6	"
Waitress	137/6 & 143/6	"	135/6 & 141/6	"
Shops -				
Foot Saleswoman	145/6 & 207/-	"	137/-	"
Drapery Saleswoman	(a) 145/6 & 207/-	"	(a) 137/- & 194/6	"

(a) Not comparable with rates previously quoted.